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PLASMIDS, TRANSGENIC PLANTS
AND PLANT PARTS CONTAINING
THEM, AND METHODS FOR
OBTAINING THEM

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of four months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 1, 2003 from January 1, 2004, up to and including May 1, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$740.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18433/2002. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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